

SENATE RESOLUTION 203

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Janice Johnson on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Janice Johnson is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for fifty years as the Deputy Trustee for Unicoi County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson took her much deserved retirement on December 31, 2007, after celebrating her fiftieth year as Deputy Trustee on December 17, a day marked with a reception in her honor and the well-wishes of dozens of friends and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, a half-century is a remarkable milestone to celebrate, especially when it commemorates one holding the same position or job; it surely is a testament to Ms. Johnson's dedication and commitment to the good people of Unicoi County and the Trustee's office; and

WHEREAS, originally hired by Hilden Carter for a period to last two weeks, she joined the office in 1953 following her graduation from Unicoi County High School; she worked for Mr. Carter until 1959, when her husband, Sherlin, was relocated by the United States Army to Fort Story, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, following her husband's honorable discharge and their return to Unicoi County, Janice Johnson once again adopted the mantle of Deputy Trustee, an office she has held for the past forty-four consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Johnson worked under three Trustees: Hilden Carter, Thomas Hensley, and Paul Berry, each of whom were highly appreciative of the courtesy and professionalism she brought to the office; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Dominoes Club, the Clinchfield Historical Society, the line-dancing group The Clinchfield Lines, and the Erwin Kiwanis Club, which she serves as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson is also looking forward to the opportunities she will have to go bowling and offer her services as a model for the Encounter in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout member of the Ninth Street Baptist Church, where she serves as the Preschool Director, the Preschool Choir Director, and a member of adult choir; an able hand bells player, she uses all of her musical talents for the benefit of the church; and

WHEREAS, Janice Johnson is also devoted to her family, and upholds the highest degree of family allegiance; she is most appreciative of the love and companionship she was able to share with her late husband, and she is the proud mother of Terry Johnson and Penny Smith, and the doting grandmother of Lacy, Madison, Caroline, Terry Junior, and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Johnson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the citizenry of Unicoi County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Janice Johnson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.